SENATE BILL 21

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to water and sewage treatment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-221-1___.

No waterworks or public sewerage system shall initiate use of chlorine as an agent of disinfection on or after July 1, 2007. Any waterworks or public sewerage system using chlorine as an agent of disinfection prior to July 1, 2007 shall instead transition to the use of sodium hypochlorite, ozone, ultraviolet radiation or any other disinfection agent determined to be appropriate by the department. On or after July 1, 2010, use of chlorine as an agent of disinfection by any waterworks or public sewerage system is prohibited.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.